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SUBJ: IRANIAN IMPORT-EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR 1978/1979.

1. ON MARCH 20, IRANIAN COMMERCE MINISTER KAZEM KHOSROWSHAHI ANNOUNCED IMPORT-EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR IRANIAN YEAR 2537, WHICH BEGAN MARCH 21. ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED INCREASED IMPORT TAXES TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY ON CHINAWARE, SYNTHETIC YARNS, AUTOMOBILES, TIRES AND TUBES, RAW PLASTICS, PETROCHEMICALS, IRON AND STEEL, AND ELECTRICAL WIRE AND CABLE, WITH NO MENTION OF DUTY REDUCTIONS. ALTHOUGH FRAGMENTARY, THIS INITIAL REPORT CONTRASTS WITH EARLIER INDICATIONS FROM HIGH GOI OFFICIALS THAT NEW POLICY WOULD REPRESENT A LIBERALIZATION AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEW REGULATIONS INCLUDE OFFSETTING LIBERALIZATION MEASURES.

2. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN OFFICIALS AND TEXT OF REGULATIONS BECOME AVAILABLE. AFTER NOW RUZ HOLIDAYS. SULLIVAN

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